**ALABAMA** 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

COUNTY: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES BARBOUR INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) I. NAME COMMON: The Lewis Agency AND/OR HISTORIC: 1971 McNab Bank Building 8 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: NATIONAL REGISTER Broad Street CITY OR TOWN: Eufaula STATE COUNTY CODE CODE Alabama 01 Barbour 005 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY **ACCESSIBLE** STATUS OWNERSHIP (Check One) TO THE PUBLIC ☐ Public Public Acquisition: Yes: District X Building X Occupied Restricted Private ☐ In Process Site ☐ Structure Unoccupied Unrestricted ☐ Being Considered ☐ Both ☐ Object Preservation work □ No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation Comments Industrial X Commercial Private Residence Other (Specify) Educational ■ Military Religious Museum Entertainment Scientific 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lewis, III STREET AND NUMBER: W. Broad Street Chewalla Heights CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE Eufaula Alabama  $\sigma$ I 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Eufaula Courthouse STREET AND NUMBER: Broad Street CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE Eufaula Alabama 01 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: Ø FOR NPS USE DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ County State □ Local 2000 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: STREET AND NUMBER: STATE: CITY OR TOWN: CODE

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The McNab Bank Building, built in the early 1850's is a fine example of the North Italian Rennaissance Revival style. Its beautiful facade is decorated with cast iron.

The first floor facade is entirely of cast iron, while the second floor is stone with cast iron decoration.

The two round corinthian columns and the two pilasters on each corner of the front are of cast iron and support a pediment. On the left side of this pediment is a small head in deep relief. This head is an attempt at solving the architectural problem of having an adjacent building on the left.

On the second floor above the pediment in an over-hanging balcony with lacy grillwork. Uppper windows are slightly arched and have pediments without pilasters. The windows on the west side have recessed iron grillwork. Front and side entrances have heavy iron grillwork guard railings. The iron shutters over the first floor windows are of iron slats. They pull down and can be locked.

When the building was restored other metal shutters and locks which were used over all the windows and doors were found. These have been removed. The walls are three feet thick and are made of steel and plaster. The foundation has hand-hewn beams. Doors are 14' tall, windows 15', and ceilings 18'. Most of the windows have the original lights which are 31 1/2" long and 13" wide.

All of the ceilings are plaster, and the front room on the first floor has a very ornamental Tudor ceiling which has been preserved. There is a lacy plaster medallion in the center and a decorative design of plaster on the ceiling. In the two back rooms, which were Governor Sparks' law offices, are original fireplaces with narrow rectangular tiles and wooden mantels.

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This beautiful ironfront building is one of the oldest standing bank buildings in Alabama. During most of its early history, Alabama had a state monopoly on banking. In the 1840's this system began to come into disfavor and a free bank law was passed in 1850. This law provided for one free bank to be chartered at each session of the legislature.

These banks provided a circulation medium for the trade and funds needed for the state when other money was not available. The Eastern Bank of Alabama was one of these early free banks. It was chartered in the session of 1858, to provide circulation for South East Alabama.

The building was built on lot 4, block A, Robin Hood plan of Irwintown. In 1836 this lot was owned by Samuel Cowan, a physician who fought in the Indian Wars.

The building was built by John McNab for his Eastern Bank of Alabama.
There has been controversy over the actual date of construction. Dr.
Peter Brannon, who was Director of Archives and History, gives the date
as 1853 to 1869 Brannon thought the later date probably correct.

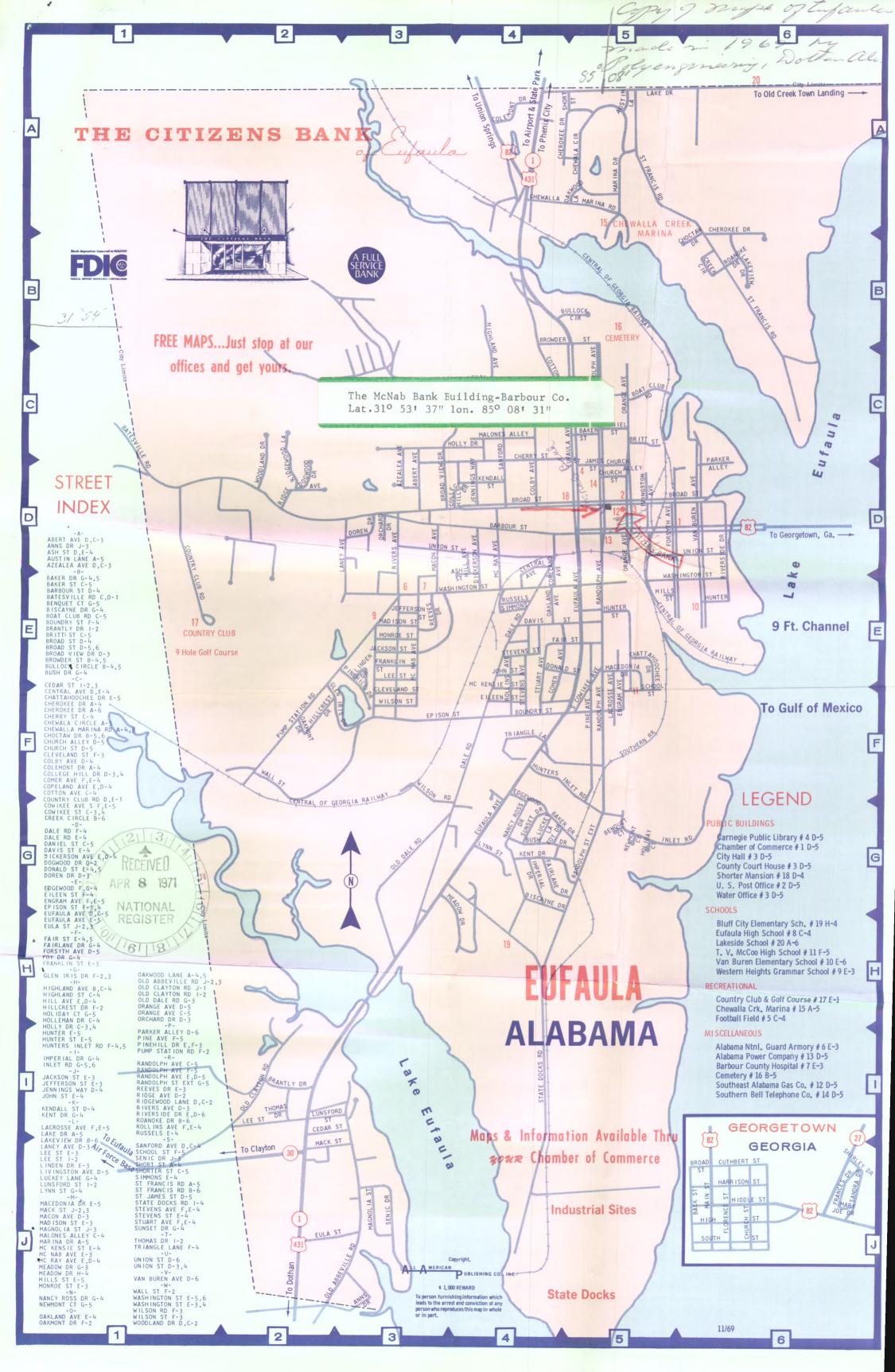
John McNab was a Scots banker, who settled in Eufaula when the town was still named Irwintown. He became the most opulent citizen of the old Bluff City. Born on the Isle of Islay, off the coast of Scotland he became the most picturesque figure of his day; banker, churchman intendant of the town, and played so conspicuous a role in the financial history that legend of him reached abroad.

The Eastern Bank of Alabama operated under this name until some time after 1864. No exact date has been found for the name change, but it was changed to the John McNab Bank and was operated as such until 1891.

Offices in the back part of the building opening on Randolph Street were occupied for many years by Chauncey Sparks; legislator, circuit judge, and Governor of Alabama from 1934 to 1947.

The bank was restored in 1965 by Mr. T. J. Lewis, Jr., and T. J. Lewis. During restoration one wall was found stuffed with \$20 bank notes of the Old Eastern Bank. The original sign on which the old name was painted was found and placed in a museum.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES



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